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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1985/86

WHEAT: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 503.8 million tons, up 0.7 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from the 1984/85 record harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- **East Europe** — Production is estimated at 38.2 million tons, up 0.9 million or 2 percent from last month but down 9 percent from the 1984 record crop.
- **EC-10** — Production is estimated at 65.9 million tons, down 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 14 percent from the record 1984 harvest. The decline is attributed to a lowering of the estimated yield for the United Kingdom.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 843.9 million tons, up 1.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 4 percent from the previous crop. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- **East Europe** — Production is estimated at 69.3 million tons, up 2.1 million or 3 percent from last month, but down 5 percent from the record 1984 crop.
- **Morocco** — Production is estimated at 2.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 15 percent from last month, and up 50 percent from last year's drought reduced crop. The revision reflects higher estimated yields for barley and corn.
- **Zimbabwe** — Production is estimated at 2.6 million tons, up 0.3 million or 12 percent from last month, but down 20 percent from last year's bumper harvest. The increase in corn and millet output is attributed to higher yields.
- **Indonesia** — Production is estimated at 4.6 million tons, down 0.6 million or 11 percent from last month and down 14 percent from last year. The decrease is due to lower estimated corn area.

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- o **Egypt** — Production is estimated at 4.4 million tons, down 0.5 million or 9 percent from last month and virtually unchanged from last year's harvest. The decrease in corn production is attributed to lower estimated area and yields.

- o **Australia** — Production is estimated at 8.4 million tons, down 0.2 million or 2 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year's harvest. Continued dry weather in Queensland and New South Wales has reduced yield prospects.

- o **Venezuela** — Production is estimated at a record 1.5 million tons, down 0.1 million or 7 percent from last month, but up 37 percent from last year. The decline is attributed to a revision in estimated corn and sorghum area.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 315.2 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from last year. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o **Indonesia** — Production is estimated at a record 26.5 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year's harvest. The increase in output is attributed to higher estimated area as land was shifted to rice from corn.

- o **Burma** — Production is estimated at a record 9.3 million tons, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and up less than 1 percent from last year. Yields are estimated higher in response to timely rains.

- o **Pakistan** — Production is estimated at 3.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 8 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year. The crop suffered from irrigation water shortages and pest damage.

- o **Egypt** — Production is estimated at 1.5 million tons, down 0.2 million or 9 percent from last month and virtually unchanged from last year. The reduction is attributed to lower estimated area.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 192.8 million tons, down 1.6 million or 1 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. U.S. production is unchanged at 65.5 million tons, up 11 percent from last year. Foreign production is estimated at 127.3 million tons, down 1.6 million or 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year's record.

* Soybeans: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 94.1 million tons, down marginally from last month, but up 2 percent from last year. A significant development from last month is the following:

- o **Brazil** — The production estimate remains unchanged at 12.5 million tons, down 31 percent from last year's revised estimate. About 20 percent of the crop, primarily in the northern growing areas, has been harvested. Very heavy rains fell during the first week of April in Rio Grande do Sul. Over 300 millimeters of rain were received in the western part of the state. Some damage may have occurred to the crop.

* **Cottonseed**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 30.0 million tons, down 1.7 million or 5 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year. An important change from last month is the following:

  - o **China** — Production is estimated at 7.1 million tons, down 1.8 million or 20 percent from last month and down 34 percent from last year. The revision is based on a State Statistical Bureau estimate of cotton production in 1985.

* **Peanuts**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 20.6 million tons, essentially unchanged from last month, but up 4 percent from last year.

* **Sunflowerseed**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 19.1 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 7 percent from last year.

* **Rapeseed**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 18.9 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 12 percent from last year.

* **Flaxseed**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 11 percent from last year.

* **Copra**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 5.1 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 4 percent from last year.

* **Palm Kernels**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 2.5 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 12 percent from last year.

* **Palm Oil**: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 7.7 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 12 percent from last year.

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COTTON: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 77.5 million bales, down 4.4 million or 5 percent from last month and down 11 percent from last year's record crop. Foreign production is estimated at 64.0 million bales, down 4.4 million or 6 percent from last month and down 14 percent from last year's record. Significant developments since last month include the following:

- o China — Production is estimated at 19.1 million bales, down 4.9 million or 20 percent from last month and down 33 percent from last year's record. This month's estimate is based on official State Statistical Bureau data.

- o Pakistan — Production is estimated at 5.7 million bales, up 0.2 million or 4 percent from last month and up 23 percent from last year. Despite initial water problems, the crop benefited from favorable weather during the growing and harvesting seasons.

- o India — Production is estimated at 7.8 million bales, up 0.2 million or 2 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year's record crop. Increased production is due to favorable post-monsoon rains in the major growing areas.

- o Argentina — Production is estimated at 0.6 million bales, unchanged from last month, but down 18 percent from last year. Continued wet weather has delayed the cotton harvest and adversely impacted quality. Approximately, one-third of the crop has been harvested.

This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield, and production are from USDA's Crop Reporting Board, except where noted. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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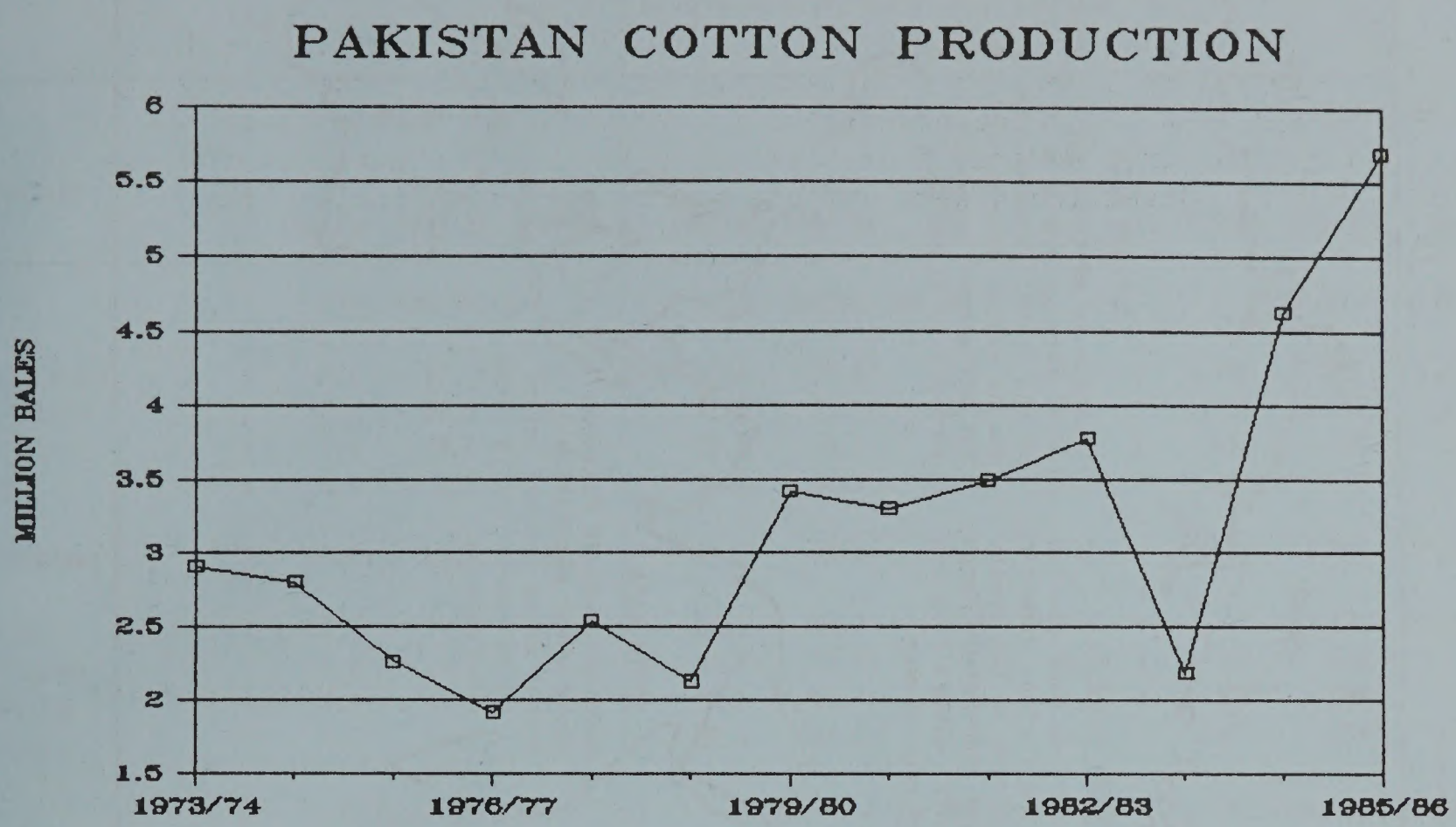

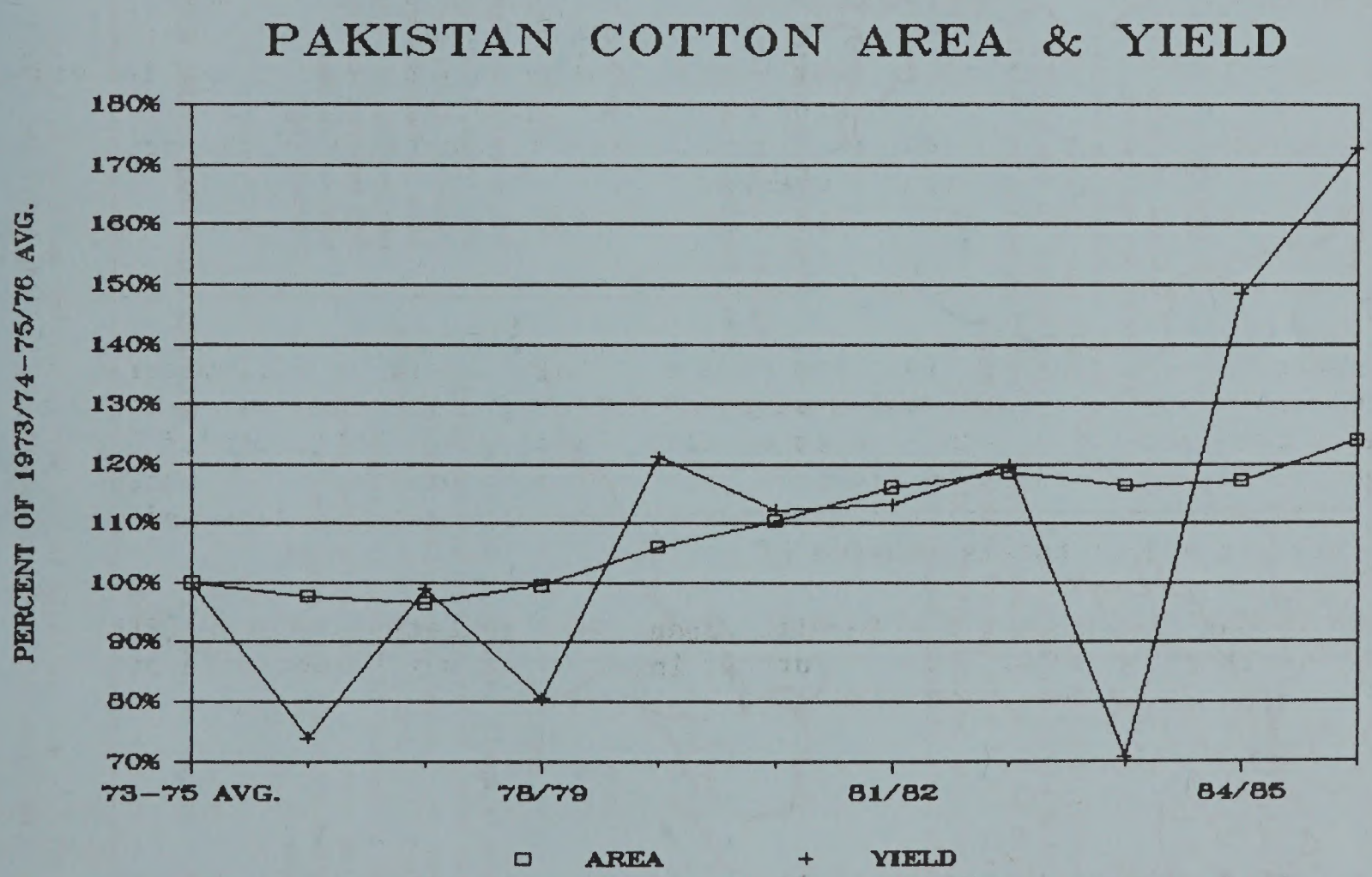

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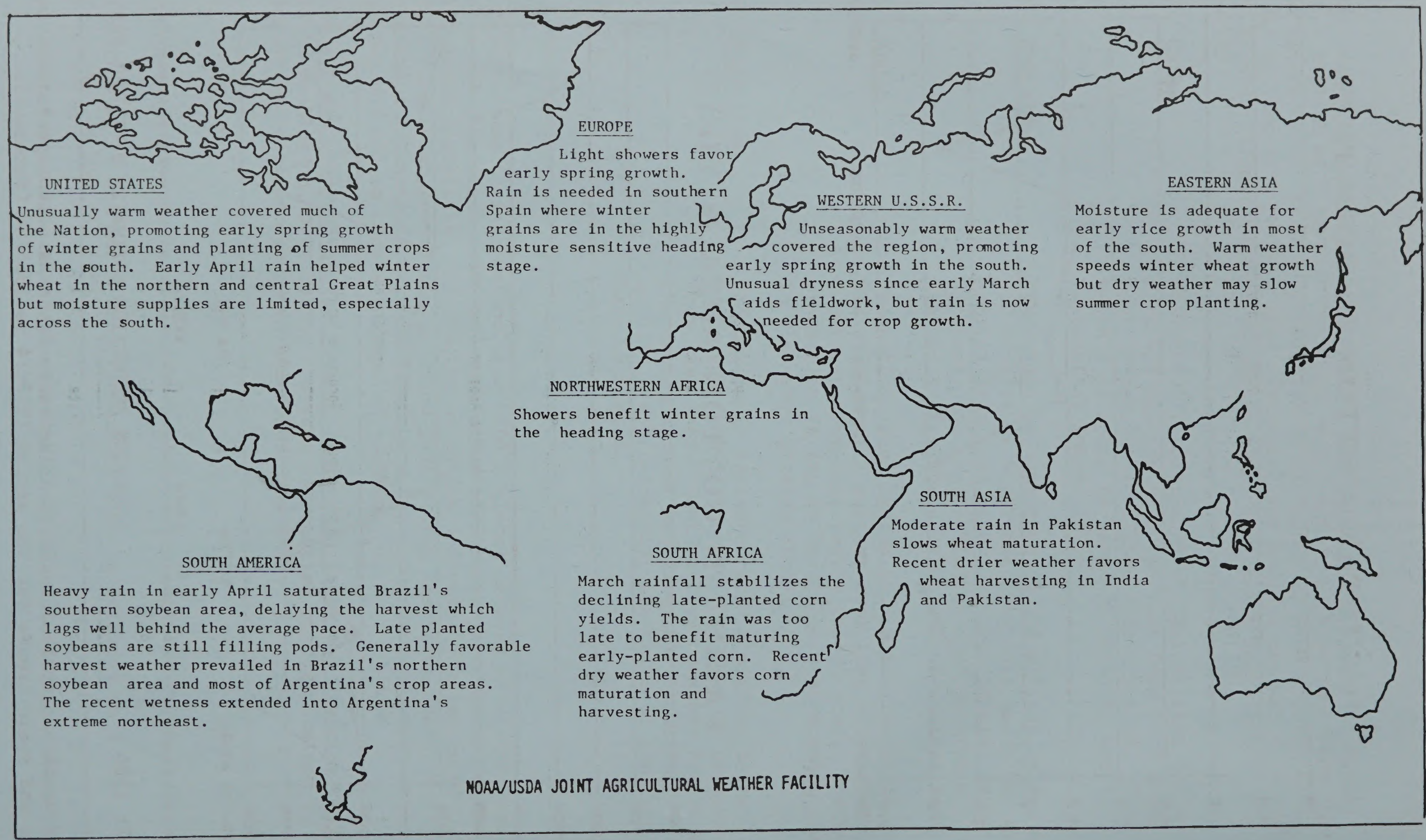
This month's graphical analysis illustrates Pakistan cotton production and area and yield trends for the period 1973/74 to 1985/86 (forecast).

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

Date April 9, 1986



UNITED STATES

Unusually warm weather covered much of the Nation, promoting early spring growth of winter grains and planting of summer crops in the south. Early April rain helped winter wheat in the northern and central Great Plains but moisture supplies are limited, especially across the south.

EUROPE

Light showers favor early spring growth. Rain is needed in southern Spain where winter grains are in the highly moisture sensitive heading stage.

WESTERN U.S.S.R.

Unseasonably warm weather covered the region, promoting early spring growth in the south. Unusual dryness since early March aids fieldwork, but rain is now needed for crop growth.

EASTERN ASIA

Moisture is adequate for early rice growth in most of the south. Warm weather speeds winter wheat growth but dry weather may slow summer crop planting.

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Showers benefit winter grains in the heading stage.

SOUTH ASIA

Moderate rain in Pakistan slows wheat maturation. Recent drier weather favors wheat harvesting in India and Pakistan.

SOUTH AMERICA

Heavy rain in early April saturated Brazil's southern soybean area, delaying the harvest which lags well behind the average pace. Late planted soybeans are still filling pods. Generally favorable harvest weather prevailed in Brazil's northern soybean area and most of Argentina's crop areas. The recent wetness extended into Argentina's extreme northeast.

SOUTH AFRICA

March rainfall stabilizes the declining late-planted corn yields. The rain was too late to benefit maturing early-planted corn. Recent dry weather favors corn maturation and harvesting.

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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production 1/

Commodity	Harvested Area 1983/84	Harvested Area Prel. 1984/85	Harvested Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	61.4	66.9	64.7	39.4	38.8	37.5	37.5	2,420	2,595	2,425	2,425
Winter	47.6	51.5	48.0	41.8	40.0	38.1	38.1	1,988	2,060	1,827	1,827
Other	13.8	15.4	16.8	31.3	34.7	35.6	35.6	432	535	598	598
Rye	0.9	1.0	0.7	30.3	33.1	28.8	28.8	27	32	21	21
Soybeans	62.5	66.1	61.6	26.2	28.1	34.1	34.1	1,636	1,861	2,099	2,099
Corn	51.5	71.9	75.1	81.1	106.7	118.0	118.0	4,175	7,674	8,865	8,865
Sorghum	10.0	15.4	16.7	48.7	56.4	66.7	66.7	488	866	1,113	1,113
Barley	9.7	11.2	11.6	52.3	53.4	51.0	51.0	509	599	589	589
Oats	9.1	8.2	8.1	52.6	58.0	63.6	63.6	477	474	519	519
	--Million Hectares--			--Metric Tons per Hectare--				--Millions of Metric Tons--			
Tot. Feedgrains 2/	32.5	43.2	45.1	4.2	5.5	6.1	6.1	136.4	236.9	273.8	273.8
	--Million Acres--			---Pounds per Acre---				---Million CWT.---			
Rice	2.2	2.8	2.5	4,598	4,954	5,437	5,437	99.7	138.8	136.0	136.0
								---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	7.3	10.4	10.3	508	600	631	631	7.8	13.0	13.5	13.5

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops 1/

Year	Wheat Winter	Wheat Other	Wheat Total	Rye	Rice	Feedgrains Corn	Feedgrains Sorghum	Feedgrains Barley	Feedgrains Oats	Feedgrains Total	Soybeans	All Cotton	Total Maj. Crops
	--Million Acres--												
1983/84	62.1	14.3	76.4	2.7	2.2	60.2	11.9	10.4	20.3	102.8	63.8	7.9	255.8
1984/85 prel.	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.5	17.3	12.0	12.4	122.2	67.8	11.1	286.1
1985/86 proj.													
March	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.3	18.3	13.1	13.3	128.0	63.1	10.7	282.5
April	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.3	18.3	13.1	13.3	128.0	63.1	10.7	282.5

1/ Estimates from USDA Crop Reporting Board. Cotton yield estimate for March 1985/86 is by USDA Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee.

2/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley and oats.

World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America: United States	North America: Canada	North America: Mexico	Europe: EC-10	Europe: Oth. W. Europe	Europe: Eastern Europe	USSR	Asia: China	Asia: India	Asia: Indonesia	Asia: Pakistan	Asia: Thailand	South America: Argentina	South America: Brazil	Selected Other Countries: Australia	Selected Other Countries: South Africa	Selected Other Countries: Turkey	All Other Countries
	---Million Metric Tons---																			
Wheat																				
1983/84	490.9	425.1	65.9	26.5	3.2	59.2	8.8	35.4	79.0	81.4	42.8	.0	12.4	.0	12.8	2.1	22.0	1.8	13.3	24.3
1984/85 prel.	514.7	444.1	70.6	21.2	4.2	76.6	10.8	42.1	73.0	87.8	45.5	.0	10.9	.0	13.2	1.9	18.3	2.2	13.3	23.2
1985/86 proj.																				
March	503.2	437.2	66.0	23.9	4.4	66.1	9.8	37.4	83.0	86.0	44.2	.0	11.6	.0	8.5	4.1	16.5	1.7	12.7	27.4
April	503.8	437.9	66.0	23.9	4.4	65.9	9.8	38.2	83.0	86.0	44.2	.0	11.6	.0	8.5	4.1	16.5	1.7	12.7	27.3
Coarse Grains																				
1983/84	685.5	548.4	137.1	20.9	13.8	63.9	22.1	67.1	99.0	92.7	33.9	5.1	1.6	4.3	17.4	21.6	9.4	5.1	7.7	62.8
1984/85 prel.	808.0	570.3	237.7	22.0	14.5	75.0	28.7	73.0	86.0	95.4	31.5	5.3	1.6	4.7	18.6	22.5	8.7	8.7	8.3	65.9
1985/86 proj.																				
March	842.7	568.3	274.3	24.6	14.6	72.6	28.4	67.1	94.0	83.9	29.8	5.1	1.7	5.5	18.5	19.6	8.6	9.5	8.1	76.8
April	843.9	569.6	274.3	24.6	14.6	72.5	28.4	69.3	94.0	83.9	29.8	4.6	1.6	5.5	18.3	19.6	8.4	9.5	8.1	77.1
Rice (Milled)																				
1983/84	308.0	304.8	3.2	.0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.8	118.2	60.1	24.0	3.3	12.9	0.3	6.1	0.5	.0	0.2	76.0
1984/85 prel.	318.6	314.2	4.4	.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	1.8	124.8	58.6	25.9	3.3	12.3	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	78.7
1985/86 proj.																				
March	315.0	310.6	4.4	.0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	1.8	116.9	61.0	26.3	3.2	13.0	0.3	6.0	0.5	.0	0.2	79.7
April	315.2	310.8	4.4	.0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	1.8	116.9	61.0	26.5	3.0	13.0	0.3	6.0	0.5	.0	0.2	79.9
Total Grains 1/																				
1983/84	1,484.5	1,278.3	206.2	47.4	17.3	123.9	31.2	102.7	179.8 1/	292.2	136.8	29.1	17.4	17.2	30.5	29.8	31.8	6.9	21.2	163.1
1984/85 prel.	1,641.3	1,328.6	312.7	43.2	18.9	152.3	39.9	115.3	160.8 1/	308.0	135.6	31.2	15.8	17.1	32.0	30.5	27.6	10.9	21.8	167.8
1985/86 proj.																				
March	1,660.9	1,316.2	344.7	48.5	19.4	139.5	38.6	104.6	178.8 1/	286.8	135.1	31.4	16.5	18.6	27.3	29.7	25.6	11.1	21.0	183.8
April	1,663.0	1,318.3	344.7	48.5	19.4	139.3	38.6	107.6	178.8 1/	286.8	135.1	31.1	16.2	18.6	27.1	29.7	25.4	11.1	21.0	184.2
Oilseeds 2/																				
1983/84	165.0	114.6	50.4	3.8	1.1	3.7	1.4	4.0	10.8	27.2	13.7	1.4	1.3	0.4	10.5	16.6	0.6	0.4	1.6	16.1
1984/85 prel.	190.0	130.8	59.2	5.1	1.1	5.0	1.7	4.8	10.0	31.1	14.9	1.5	2.4	0.4	11.0	20.2	0.8	0.6	1.8	18.3
1985/86 proj.																				
March	194.4	128.9	65.5	5.5	1.1	6.0	1.6	4.7	10.9	32.4	14.1	1.6	2.8	0.5	11.8	13.9	0.8	0.8	1.7	18.8
April	192.8	127.3	65.5	5.5	1.1	6.1	1.6	4.7	10.9	30.6	14.1	1.6	2.8	0.5	11.8	13.8	0.8	0.8	1.7	18.9
	--Million 480-Pound Bales---																			
Cotton																				
1983/84	67.7	59.9	7.8	.0	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.1	12.1	21.3	6.1	.0	2.2	0.2	0.8	2.6	0.6	0.2	2.4	9.7
1984/85 prel.	87.5	74.5	13.0	.0	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	11.9	28.7	7.9	.0	4.6	0.1	0.8	4.2	1.1	0.2	2.7	10.1
1985/86 proj.																				
March	81.9	68.3	13.5	.0	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.1	12.1	24.0	7.7	.0	5.5	0.2	0.6	2.8	0.9	0.3	2.3	9.9
April	77.5	64.0	13.5	.0	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.1	12.1	19.1	7.8	.0	5.7	0.2	0.6	2.8	0.9	0.3	2.4	10.1

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 190 mil. tons in 1983/84, 170 mil. in 1984/85, and 190 mil. forecast in 1985/86.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	229.1	231.2	229.5	2.14	2.23	2.20	2.20	490.9	514.7	503.2	503.8
United States	24.8	27.1	26.2	2.65	2.61	2.52	2.52	65.9	70.6	66.0	66.0
Total Foreign	204.3	204.1	203.3	2.08	2.18	2.15	2.15	425.1	444.1	437.2	437.9
Maj. Foreign Exporters	46.7	44.8	44.0	2.58	2.89	2.61	2.61	120.5	129.3	115.0	114.8
Argentina	6.9	6.0	5.3	1.85	2.22	1.61	1.61	12.8	13.2	8.5	8.5
Australia	12.9	12.0	12.0	1.70	1.52	1.38	1.38	22.0	18.3	16.5	16.5
Canada	13.7	13.2	13.7	1.94	1.61	1.75	1.75	26.5	21.2	23.9	23.9
EC-10	13.1	13.6	13.0	4.50	5.62	5.07	5.06	59.2	76.6	66.1	65.9
Major Importers	97.1	98.0	98.0	2.10	2.16	2.23	2.24	204.1	211.4	218.3	219.2
Brazil	1.9	1.8	2.8	1.11	1.09	1.46	1.46	2.1	1.9	4.1	4.1
China	29.1	29.6	29.4	2.80	2.97	2.93	2.93	81.4	87.8	86.0	86.0
Eastern Europe	10.0	10.1	9.9	3.55	4.14	3.83	3.84	35.4	42.1	37.4	38.2
Egypt	0.6	0.5	0.5	3.50	3.70	4.01	3.76	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9
Other N. Africa *	4.6	4.7	5.0	0.76	0.85	1.01	1.03	3.5	4.0	5.0	5.1
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.03	3.19	3.74	3.74	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
USSR	50.8	51.1	50.3	1.56	1.43	1.65	1.65	79.0	73.0	83.0	83.0
Other Foreign	60.5	61.3	61.2	1.66	1.69	1.70	1.70	100.5	103.5	103.9	103.9
India	23.6	24.7	24.4	1.82	1.84	1.81	1.81	42.8	45.5	44.2	44.2
Iran	5.5	5.7	5.7	0.95	0.80	0.93	0.93	5.2	4.5	5.3	5.3
Mexico	0.8	1.0	1.1	3.81	4.42	4.19	4.19	3.2	4.2	4.4	4.4
Non-EC W. Europe	3.9	3.5	3.2	2.28	3.12	3.07	3.08	8.8	10.8	9.8	9.8
Pakistan	7.4	7.3	7.3	1.68	1.49	1.59	1.59	12.4	10.9	11.6	11.6
South Africa	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.00	1.16	0.90	0.90	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.7
Turkey	8.7	8.6	8.6	1.53	1.55	1.48	1.48	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.7
Others	8.8	8.7	9.2	1.47	1.38	1.55	1.54	12.9	12.1	14.2	14.1

* Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	334.2	338.8	342.5	2.05	2.39	2.46	2.46	685.5	808.0	842.7	843.9
United States	32.9	43.6	45.4	4.17	5.46	6.04	6.04	137.1	237.7	274.3	274.3
Total Foreign	301.4	295.2	297.1	1.82	1.93	1.91	1.92	548.4	570.3	568.3	569.6
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.6	26.6	26.8	2.15	2.35	2.48	2.47	57.1	62.6	66.6	66.2
Argentina	6.2	6.1	5.7	2.82	3.02	3.30	3.24	17.4	18.6	18.5	18.3
Australia	5.8	5.4	5.6	1.63	1.59	1.51	1.50	9.4	8.7	8.6	8.4
Canada	7.8	8.0	8.2	2.68	2.73	2.98	2.98	20.9	22.0	24.6	24.6
South Africa	4.8	4.8	4.9	1.07	1.81	1.93	1.93	5.1	8.7	9.5	9.5
Thailand	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.06	2.11	2.26	2.26	4.3	4.7	5.5	5.5
Major Importers	112.2	109.9	109.4	2.38	2.54	2.55	2.56	267.5	278.9	278.2	280.2
Eastern Europe	18.9	18.7	18.8	3.55	3.90	3.54	3.69	67.1	73.0	67.1	69.3
EC-10	14.4	14.1	14.2	4.45	5.32	5.13	5.12	63.9	75.0	72.6	72.5
Other W. Europe	8.9	9.3	9.6	2.49	3.09	2.96	2.97	22.1	28.7	28.4	28.4
Mexico	8.3	8.0	7.9	1.67	1.82	1.83	1.84	13.8	14.5	14.6	14.6
USSR	61.2	59.2	58.5	1.62	1.45	1.63	1.61	99.0	86.0	94.0	94.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.5	0.6	0.5	2.82	2.84	3.02	3.03	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4
Other Foreign	162.6	158.7	161.0	1.38	1.44	1.38	1.39	223.8	228.8	223.5	223.2
Brazil	13.1	12.4	12.4	1.65	1.82	1.58	1.58	21.6	22.5	19.6	19.6
China	29.6	28.7	27.3	3.13	3.32	3.07	3.07	92.7	95.4	83.9	83.9
India	41.8	39.3	38.9	0.81	0.80	0.77	0.77	33.9	31.5	29.8	29.8
Indonesia	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.69	1.71	1.73	2.05	5.1	5.3	5.1	4.6
Nigeria	12.7	13.0	13.3	0.52	0.67	0.75	0.75	6.6	8.7	10.0	10.0
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.07	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5
Turkey	4.0	4.1	4.2	1.93	2.03	1.94	1.94	7.7	8.3	8.1	8.1
Others	55.1	54.8	59.5	0.96	0.98	1.07	1.07	52.9	53.8	63.5	63.7
BARLEY											
World	80.1	78.5	78.5	2.11	2.20	2.25	2.24	168.9	172.2	176.9	175.7
United States	3.9	4.5	4.7	2.81	2.87	2.74	2.74	11.1	13.0	12.8	12.8
Total Foreign	76.2	73.9	73.8	2.07	2.15	2.22	2.21	157.8	159.2	164.1	162.8
Australia	3.1	3.5	3.5	1.57	1.59	1.44	1.44	4.9	5.6	5.0	5.0
Canada	4.4	4.6	4.8	2.35	2.25	2.58	2.58	10.2	10.3	12.3	12.3
China	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.70	2.20	2.17	2.17	6.9	5.6	5.2	5.2
Eastern Europe	4.4	4.2	4.4	3.46	4.04	3.61	3.79	15.4	17.1	16.8	16.7
EC-10	8.9	8.5	8.5	4.08	5.20	4.78	4.77	36.1	44.4	40.6	40.5
Other W. Europe	5.6	5.9	6.1	2.29	2.93	2.76	2.74	12.8	17.2	16.8	16.8
Turkey	2.9	3.0	3.1	1.87	2.00	1.87	1.87	5.4	6.0	5.8	5.8
USSR	31.7	30.5	29.1	1.70	1.38	1.67	1.62	54.0	42.1	48.2	47.2
Others	12.6	11.2	12.0	0.95	0.98	1.11	1.12	12.0	11.0	13.5	13.4

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
CORN											
World	119.2	128.2	129.4	2.90	3.57	3.68	3.72	346.1	457.3	478.1	480.8
United States	20.8	29.1	30.4	5.09	6.70	7.41	7.41	106.0	194.9	225.2	225.2
Total Foreign	98.4	99.1	99.0	2.44	2.65	2.55	2.58	240.0	262.4	252.9	255.7
Maj. Foreign Exporters	8.8	9.2	9.7	1.99	2.57	2.76	2.76	17.6	23.6	26.7	26.7
Argentina	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.04	3.43	3.71	3.71	9.2	11.5	13.0	13.0
South Africa	4.0	3.9	4.0	1.11	2.00	2.13	2.13	4.4	7.8	8.5	8.5
Thailand	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.16	2.23	2.40	2.40	4.0	4.4	5.2	5.2
Major Importers	21.6	21.7	22.6	3.64	3.83	3.70	3.77	78.4	83.4	81.8	85.2
Eastern Europe	7.2	7.4	7.6	4.64	4.84	4.21	4.50	33.4	35.7	31.8	34.0
EC-10	3.0	3.1	3.2	6.56	6.55	6.85	6.85	19.6	20.2	21.6	21.6
Other W. Europe	0.9	1.0	1.1	4.28	4.75	5.08	5.25	3.8	4.7	5.4	5.6
Mexico	6.5	6.3	6.2	1.43	1.57	1.61	1.61	9.3	9.9	10.0	10.0
USSR	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.08	3.21	3.13	3.01	12.0	12.5	12.5	13.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.68	3.90	4.18	4.18	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	68.0	68.1	66.8	2.12	2.28	2.14	2.15	144.1	155.4	144.4	143.8
Brazil	12.7	12.0	12.0	1.65	1.83	1.58	1.58	21.0	22.0	19.0	19.0
Canada	1.1	1.2	1.2	5.36	5.89	6.18	6.18	5.9	7.0	7.4	7.4
China	18.8	18.5	17.4	3.62	3.96	3.68	3.68	68.2	73.4	64.0	64.0
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.64	4.46	4.88	4.60	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.7
India	5.9	5.8	5.8	1.35	1.44	1.34	1.34	7.9	8.4	7.8	7.8
Indonesia	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.69	1.71	1.73	2.05	5.1	5.3	5.1	4.6
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.07	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5
Zimbabwe	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.03	2.07	1.43	1.61	1.4	3.0	2.0	2.3
Others	21.1	22.0	22.6	1.31	1.33	1.39	1.40	27.7	29.2	31.4	31.6
SORGHUM											
World	46.0	46.6	49.0	1.28	1.42	1.50	1.50	58.9	66.0	73.7	73.5
United States	4.0	6.2	6.7	3.06	3.54	4.19	4.19	12.4	22.0	28.3	28.3
Total Foreign	41.9	40.4	42.2	1.11	1.09	1.07	1.07	46.5	44.0	45.4	45.2
Argentina	2.4	2.0	1.4	3.04	2.97	3.33	3.33	7.2	5.9	4.5	4.5
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.58	1.94	2.06	2.00	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.4
China	2.7	2.5	2.4	3.09	3.15	2.73	2.73	8.4	7.7	6.5	6.5
India	16.4	15.7	15.3	0.73	0.72	0.69	0.69	11.9	11.3	10.5	10.5
Mexico	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.86	3.15	2.93	2.93	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
Nigeria	5.9	6.0	6.0	0.45	0.62	0.67	0.67	2.7	3.7	4.0	4.0
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.68	2.03	2.08	2.08	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Sudan	3.6	3.2	5.9	0.51	0.38	0.76	0.76	1.8	1.2	4.5	4.5
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.30	1.32	1.28	1.28	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Others	8.2	8.5	8.6	0.96	0.91	1.01	1.02	7.9	7.8	8.7	8.7

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.
2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production (Rough Basis) 1983/84	Production (Rough Basis) Prel. 1984/85	Production (Rough Basis) 1985/86 Mar.	Production (Rough Basis) 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Milling Rate 1983/84	Milling Rate Prel. 1984/85	Milling Rate 1985/86 Mar.	Milling Rate 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production (Milled Basis) 1983/84	Production (Milled Basis) Prel. 1984/85	Production (Milled Basis) 1985/86 Mar.	Production (Milled Basis) 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---				---In Percent---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	144.3	144.2	143.1	3.14	3.24	3.24	3.24	452.7	467.9	462.9	463.3	68.04	68.09	68.05	68.05	308.0	318.6	315.0	315.2
United States	0.9	1.1	1.0	5.15	5.55	6.09	6.09	4.5	6.3	6.2	6.2	71.10	69.60	71.00	71.00	3.2	4.4	4.4	4.4
Total Foreign	143.4	143.1	142.1	3.13	3.23	3.22	3.22	448.2	461.6	456.8	457.1	68.01	68.07	68.01	68.01	304.8	314.2	310.6	310.8
Maj. Foreign Exporters	16.3	16.1	16.1	2.39	2.39	2.41	2.42	39.0	38.5	39.1	39.1	64.78	64.74	64.77	64.74	25.2	24.9	25.3	25.3
Burma	4.7	4.7	4.7	3.08	3.15	3.09	3.17	14.4	14.8	14.5	14.9	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.3
Pakistan	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.51	2.49	2.50	2.40	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.4	66.60	66.66	66.60	66.66	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.0
Thailand	9.6	9.4	9.6	2.04	1.98	2.06	2.06	19.5	18.7	19.8	19.8	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	.2.9	12.3	13.0	13.0
Major Importers	12.0	12.8	13.0	3.95	4.01	4.10	4.03	47.5	51.2	52.0	52.3	68.22	68.31	68.36	68.36	32.4	35.0	35.5	35.8
EC-10	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.59	5.55	5.84	5.84	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	63.09	64.82	66.06	66.06	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8
Other W. Europe	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.90	5.54	5.96	5.96	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	68.47	68.83	68.71	68.71	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Indonesia	9.2	9.8	9.8	3.85	3.91	4.05	3.97	35.3	38.1	38.7	39.0	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	24.0	25.9	26.3	26.5
Nigeria	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.03	2.02	2.04	2.04	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.20	6.47	6.35	6.35	7.6	8.0	7.9	7.9	71.03	71.29	71.62	71.62	5.4	5.7	5.6	5.6
Other Maj. Import. *	0.8	0.8	0.9	2.50	2.59	2.44	2.42	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	65.26	65.51	65.40	65.39	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Other Foreign	115.1	114.2	113.0	3.14	3.26	3.23	3.24	361.7	372.0	365.7	365.7	68.33	68.39	68.30	68.30	247.1	254.4	249.8	249.8
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.31	6.86	6.20	6.20	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.7	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Bangladesh	10.5	10.2	10.4	2.06	2.15	2.22	2.22	21.8	21.9	23.1	23.1	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	14.5	14.6	15.4	15.4
Brazil	5.5	5.0	5.1	1.64	1.80	1.73	1.73	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0
China	33.1	33.2	31.4	5.10	5.37	5.32	5.32	168.9	178.3	167.0	167.0	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	118.2	124.8	116.9	116.9
India	41.2	41.2	41.2	2.19	2.14	2.22	2.22	90.2	88.0	91.5	91.5	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	60.1	58.6	61.0	61.0
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.3	5.70	6.41	6.22	6.22	13.0	14.8	14.6	14.6	72.80	72.80	72.80	72.80	9.4	10.8	10.6	10.6
Philippines	3.1	3.2	3.4	2.50	2.55	2.55	2.55	7.8	8.2	8.7	8.7	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.6
USSR	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.86	4.00	4.00	4.00	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Vietnam	5.7	5.7	5.7	2.58	2.70	2.63	2.63	14.7	15.4	15.0	15.0	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	9.6	10.0	9.8	9.8
Others	12.7	12.6	12.6	2.60	2.59	2.64	2.65	33.0	32.7	33.5	33.5	66.23	66.14	66.15	66.14	21.9	21.6	22.2	22.1

* Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---			
World	31.4	34.3	32.0	469	556	549	528	67.7	87.5	81.9	77.5
United States	3.0	4.2	4.2	569	673	707	707	7.8	13.0	13.5	13.5
Total Foreign	28.4	30.1	27.8	459	540	525	501	59.9	74.5	68.3	64.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.6	14.8	12.9	695	791	803	754	43.3	53.8	49.3	44.7
Australia	0.1	0.2	0.2	1030	1452	1225	1225	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.9
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.2	764	737	742	742	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
China	6.1	6.9	5.2	763	903	871	800	21.3	28.7	24.0	19.1
Egypt	0.4	0.4	0.4	991	965	1015	1015	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.1
Mexico	0.2	0.3	0.2	890	844	980	980	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9
Pakistan	2.2	2.2	2.4	214	451	584	525	2.2	4.6	5.5	5.7
Sudan	0.4	0.4	0.4	510	492	518	518	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Turkey	0.6	0.8	0.7	850	763	769	785	2.4	2.7	2.3	2.4
USSR	3.2	3.3	3.3	823	773	797	794	12.1	11.9	12.1	12.1
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3	0.3	707	701	730	745	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.2
Other Foreign	14.6	14.9	14.6	235	289	266	271	15.8	19.8	17.9	18.1
Argentina	0.5	0.4	0.3	383	383	419	419	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Brazil	2.0	2.4	2.0	282	389	313	313	2.6	4.2	2.8	2.8
India	7.8	7.5	7.7	171	230	216	221	6.1	7.9	7.7	7.8
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.2	1099	913	1057	1057	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Others	4.2	4.5	4.4	278	300	291	300	5.4	6.2	5.9	6.1

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.
2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	50.60	53.39	51.18	1.64	1.73	1.84	1.84	82.80	92.28	94.13	94.08
United States	25.30	26.76	24.92	1.76	1.89	2.29	2.29	44.52	50.64	57.11	57.11
Total Foreign	25.29	26.63	26.26	1.51	1.56	1.41	1.41	38.28	41.64	37.02	36.97
Maj. Foreign Exporters	12.23	13.27	12.20	1.83	1.86	1.62	1.62	22.40	24.70	19.80	19.80
Argentina	2.91	3.27	3.35	2.41	1.99	2.18	2.18	7.00	6.50	7.30	7.30
Brazil	9.32	10.00	8.85	1.65	1.82	1.41	1.41	15.40	18.20	12.50	12.50
Other Foreign	13.06	13.36	14.06	1.22	1.27	1.22	1.22	15.88	16.94	17.22	17.17
Canada	0.36	0.42	0.43	2.02	2.24	2.50	2.50	0.74	0.93	1.06	1.06
China	7.57	7.29	7.80	1.29	1.33	1.22	1.22	9.76	9.70	9.50	9.50
Eastern Europe	0.48	0.51	0.50	1.27	1.52	1.20	1.19	0.61	0.78	0.60	0.60
India	0.84	1.19	1.25	0.73	0.78	0.88	0.88	0.61	0.93	1.10	1.10
Indonesia	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.63	0.74	0.83	0.83
Mexico	0.35	0.35	0.37	1.71	1.57	1.89	1.89	0.60	0.55	0.70	0.70
Paraguay	0.42	0.47	0.40	1.31	1.60	1.25	1.25	0.55	0.75	0.50	0.50
USSR	0.84	0.77	0.74	0.67	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.56	0.47	0.48	0.47
Others	1.45	1.53	1.67	1.26	1.37	1.46	1.44	1.83	2.09	2.45	2.42
COTTONSEED											
World	31.38	34.26	32.09	0.83	0.98	0.97	0.94	26.09	33.71	31.70	30.04
United States	2.97	4.20	4.17	0.94	1.11	1.17	1.17	2.79	4.67	4.87	4.87
Total Foreign	28.41	30.06	27.92	0.82	0.97	0.94	0.90	23.30	29.04	26.83	25.17
China	6.08	6.92	5.20	1.30	1.54	1.48	1.36	7.88	10.64	8.88	7.07
India	7.77	7.50	7.70	0.34	0.46	0.43	0.44	2.65	3.45	3.33	3.39
Pakistan	2.22	2.24	2.37	0.46	0.90	1.17	1.05	1.02	2.01	2.40	2.48
USSR	3.19	3.35	3.32	1.51	1.42	1.48	1.47	4.82	4.76	4.89	4.89
Others	9.15	10.05	9.34	0.76	0.81	0.78	0.79	6.94	8.18	7.34	7.33
PEANUTS											
World	17.76	18.14	18.29	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.13	18.44	19.84	20.61	20.62
United States	0.56	0.62	0.59	2.69	3.22	3.17	3.17	1.50	2.00	1.88	1.88
Total Foreign	17.21	17.52	17.70	0.98	1.02	1.06	1.06	16.95	17.85	18.73	18.74
Brazil	0.15	0.19	0.18	1.47	1.79	1.29	1.26	0.22	0.34	0.27	0.22
China	2.20	2.42	3.50	1.80	1.99	1.89	1.89	3.95	4.82	6.60	6.60
India	7.54	7.75	7.20	0.94	0.87	0.78	0.78	7.09	6.74	5.60	5.60
Senegal	0.99	0.87	0.61	0.58	0.64	0.94	0.96	0.57	0.56	0.54	0.58
South Africa	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.30	0.85	1.15	1.15	0.07	0.20	0.28	0.28
Sudan	0.77	0.74	0.48	0.54	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.41	0.39	0.35	0.35
Others	5.32	5.32	5.51	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.93	4.64	4.80	5.10	5.12

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area 1983/84	Area Prel. 1984/85	Area Proj. 1985/86	Yield 1983/84	Yield Prel. 1984/85	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Yield 1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Production 1983/84	Production Prel. 1984/85	Production 1985/86 Proj. Mar.	Production 1985/86 Proj. Apr.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	13.23	14.21	14.95	1.17	1.26	1.28	1.28	15.47	17.89	19.10	19.11
United States	1.24	1.49	1.15	1.17	1.14	1.24	1.24	1.45	1.70	1.43	1.43
Total Foreign	11.99	12.72	13.80	1.17	1.27	1.29	1.28	14.02	16.19	17.67	17.68
Argentina	1.99	2.35	2.65	1.11	1.45	1.32	1.32	2.20	3.40	3.50	3.50
China	0.73	1.01	1.19	1.83	1.68	1.60	1.60	1.34	1.70	1.90	1.90
EC-10	0.50	0.60	0.76	1.97	1.96	2.27	2.23	0.98	1.18	1.71	1.71
East Europe	1.14	1.16	1.23	1.68	1.85	1.72	1.72	1.91	2.14	2.12	2.11
Spain	0.93	1.01	1.13	0.81	1.09	0.81	0.81	0.75	1.10	0.92	0.92
USSR	4.27	3.91	4.05	1.19	1.16	1.31	1.29	5.06	4.52	5.23	5.23
Others	2.44	2.68	2.79	0.73	0.80	0.82	0.83	1.78	2.15	2.30	2.32
RAPESEED											
World	12.59	13.96	15.18	1.13	1.21	1.24	1.24	14.27	16.90	18.83	18.89
Total Foreign	12.59	13.96	15.18	1.13	1.21	1.24	1.24	14.27	16.90	18.83	18.89
Canada	2.33	3.09	2.80	1.12	1.09	1.24	1.24	2.61	3.38	3.46	3.46
China	3.67	3.41	4.60	1.17	1.23	1.20	1.20	4.29	4.21	5.50	5.50
EC-10	1.10	1.17	1.26	2.22	2.94	2.88	2.92	2.44	3.42	3.64	3.68
East Europe	0.61	0.81	0.86	2.21	2.23	2.22	2.24	1.35	1.81	1.90	1.92
India	3.87	4.40	4.50	0.67	0.69	0.71	0.71	2.61	3.03	3.20	3.20
Others	1.00	1.07	1.16	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.13
FLAXSEED											
World	4.35	4.58	4.65	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.53	2.13	2.24	2.48	2.48
United States	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.74	0.82	0.89	0.89	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.21
Total Foreign	4.12	4.36	4.41	0.47	0.47	0.51	0.51	1.96	2.06	2.27	2.27
Argentina	0.77	0.67	0.75	0.86	0.82	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.55	0.48	0.48
Canada	0.43	0.72	0.74	1.03	0.96	1.24	1.24	0.44	0.69	0.92	0.92
India	1.49	1.55	1.50	0.30	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.44	0.39	0.45	0.45
USSR	1.17	1.16	1.10	0.22	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.23	0.23
Others	0.26	0.27	0.31	0.58	0.66	0.57	0.57	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.18
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	129.91	138.54	136.34	1.23	1.32	1.36	1.36	159.20	182.86	186.85	185.21
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.82	4.89	5.09	5.09
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.97	2.21	2.47	2.47
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	164.99	189.96	194.41	192.77
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.20	6.94	7.74	7.74

* Not included in total oilseeds.

1986 WINTER GRAIN PROSPECTS IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

SUMMARY: Winter grains account for roughly one-third of the world total wheat and coarse grain output. With few exceptions winter grain production prospects in the Northern Hemisphere outside the United States are favorable. No unusual winterkill or drought conditions have occurred in the major producing countries. The adverse effects of dry fall weather in much of Europe and South Asia have been largely offset by winter precipitation; thus in many countries bumper crops are expected. Dry conditions in Tunisia, and the Balkan States could significantly reduce yields if normal spring rains are not forthcoming. The area sown to winter grains during the fall of 1985 for harvest in 1986 in the Northern Hemisphere, outside the United States, is estimated to be up slightly from last year.

EUROPE: Presently winter grain conditions are generally favorable across Europe. Most of the continent was warm and dry during the principal September-October planting period. Particularly cold temperatures in February caused some winterkill across portions of northern Europe and the United Kingdom, especially impacting the barley crop. A somewhat less favorable outlook might characterize the southern producing areas.

- France: A very dry September and October and cold November delayed and hampered winter grain planting. Soft wheat area is little changed from last year while durum plantings are up 60 percent. Winter barley area is down slightly. Moisture since early winter has been adequate.

- United Kingdom: An especially wet fall delayed winter grain planting and reduced winter barley area. Substantial plantings occurred in October, 1 month later than optimal. The second coldest February this century reportedly damaged some exposed grains, particularly barley. March weather has been generally normal.

- West Germany: Generally good planting weather contributed to expanded winter grain area. Most of the area had good snow cover during cold February weather. There are reports that winter barley experienced above-average damage due to cold temperatures and spotty snow cover.

- Italy: Fall grain plantings were completed under generally good conditions; excessive rains caused some limited delay in the north and hot, dry conditions in the south caused a 2-3 week delay in durum planting. Soft wheat area is little changed from last year while durum area is up about 5 percent. Recent dry weather has likely stressed winter grains in the heading stage.

- Spain: Hot, dry fall weather caused shortages of irrigation water and soil moisture making it difficult to plant barley. Conditions have improved with favorable precipitation during the January-February period.

- **Portugal**: Improved prices and favorable planting conditions have encouraged greater plantings of wheat. Total plantings were up an estimated 10 percent. Adequate March rainfall favored vigorous growth.

- **Greece**: Continuing a recent trend, soft wheat area is likely to be down about 10 percent. Durum plantings, however, are estimated up about 10-15 percent following attractive EC price incentives.

- **Belgium/Luxembourg**: Winter grain plantings, both wheat and barley, are estimated to have been up slightly. Recent spring rains have benefited crop growth.

- **Denmark**: Winter grain area is estimated to have been increased sharply.

- **Hungary**: Despite dry fall weather, plantings were finished without delay. Winter grain area is estimated to be slightly higher than last year.

- **Czechoslovakia**: Dry weather hampered planting and early germination of the winter crops.

- **East Germany**: Planting weather was dry and winter grains were planted on a slightly smaller area. Adequate snow cover protected plants during the cold spell in late February. The crop is reportedly emerging in very good condition.

- **Poland**: Winter wheat and barley plantings are expected to have displaced about 8 percent of the rye area. Total grain area is forecast to remain constant. Reports of adequate soil moisture and snow cover point towards normal spring conditions.

- **Romania**: Fall planting conditions were critically dry. Winter crop prospects for the country are poor. Area planted to winter grain is reduced.

- **Bulgaria**: After a dry fall, particularly in the northern part of the country, rainfall averaged above normal during late fall and winter. March temperatures have averaged above normal. The winter crop is in good condition, especially south of the Balkan Mountains.

- **Yugoslavia**: Dry fall weather hampered sowing of winter wheat. Improved weather conditions allowed late plantings; however, area sown to wheat was sharply below plan and the lowest in 5 years.

- **Sweden**: Heavy rains in August and the beginning of September created unfavorable planting conditions for winter wheat and rye. A larger winter wheat area is estimated to have displaced some winter rye area.

- **Austria**: Winter grains were sown on generally dry soils. Winter conditions were generally favorable.

USSR: Although planting conditions for the USSR winter grain crop were relatively favorable last fall, the crop was seeded 2-3 weeks later than normal. The fall planting delay was caused by the late harvest and generally delayed season. The crop, therefore, likely entered dormancy less than well established. Early winter weather was mild, but it became unstable in January and February, with temperatures fluctuating below and above freezing. In crop areas adjacent to the Black Sea the crop resumed growth and re-entered dormancy several times, undoubtedly further reducing its already less than full state of vigor. The coldest spells of weather were usually preceded by snowfall, offering the plants some protection. Total precipitation during December-March was about average over most of the winter grain area. However, this March was the driest for which comparative data are available, i.e., the past 36 years. Temperatures were above normal, particularly in the north. There, the snowcover receded about 2 weeks earlier than usual. In the southern regions of European USSR, the warm March temperatures caused the winter grains to break dormancy 5-10 days sooner than normal. In early April, maximum temperatures in these regions reached 25° C, promoting early growth and increasing the need for topsoil moisture. Further north, the crop was still dormant in early April, even though the snowcover had melted.

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA: Planting was delayed due to late-arriving fall rains. Soil moisture deficiency exists in eastern Algeria and Tunisia.

- Morocco: Winter grain area is up an estimated 3 percent; a potential bumper wheat crop. Outlook is less favorable for barley, produced mainly in the relatively drier south.

- Algeria: Some unfavorable dryness occurred in eastern durum area but overall winter grain prospects are favorable. Winter grain area is estimated up slightly from last year.

- Tunisia: Extremely dry conditions through January reduced winter grain area an estimated 45 percent. Recent precipitation has stabilized yield prospects but winter grain output is estimated to be down sharply from last year's record crop.

ASIA

- India: Crop prospects are favorable as a result of good weather and increased fertilizer use. Timely spring rains benefited rainfed wheat in the central plateau.

- Pakistan: The crop has benefited from favorable weather and sufficient water supplies. Winter wheat area is projected up 1 percent from last year's record level. Certified seed and fertilizer supplies are reportedly improved this year.

- China: Winter grain area is estimated to be up 2 percent. Mild winter weather has benefited wheat. Heavy fall rains delayed planting especially in Henan and the Yangtze River valley. Current precipitation remains below normal. Spring rains will be needed to maintain yield prospects.

MIDDLE EAST

- **Turkey:** Precipitation in the Anatolian Plateau has been above normal and winter grain area has increased.

- **Syria, Lebanon and Israel:** Precipitation since November has averaged only one-half of normal and has reduced winter wheat and barley prospects.

- **Jordan:** Rainfall since the November planting period has been near-normal following good mid-February rains. Crop prospects are favorable.

NORTH AMERICA

- **Mexico:** Area planted to winter wheat is at a record level, up about 2 percent from last year. Despite hot, dry weather since planting, irrigation supplies are adequate for winter wheat but timely rains will be needed for summer crops.

- **Canada:** Only 5-7 percent of total wheat area is normally planted to winter varieties. This year's winter wheat area is estimated to be up about 11 percent from last year's particularly high level. Winterkill is expected to be high again this year.

Note: The first forecast of wheat and coarse grain area, yield and production for the 1986/87 year will appear in the May edition of the World Crop Production Report.

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